

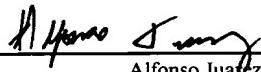
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In re Application of: Georg Bachmaier et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicants herewith submit a translation of the application into the English language along with a substitute specification according to 37 C.F.R. §1.125 which includes a preliminary amendment of the claims and abstract. A marked-up version and a clean version are submitted according to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(c).

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.